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More Indiana Counties Eligible for Disaster Relief Unemployment Benefits

Governor Frank O'Bannon announced today that flood victims in two more counties will be eligible for special Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) benefits due to severe storms, tornadoes and flooding earlier this year. This brings the number of eligible counties up to eleven.

The two additional counties are Dearborn and Orange. Hoosiers from these two counties interested in filing a claim for lost wages as a direct result of the flooding from April 28 through June 7 must file by August 19, 2002, and provide earnings information from their 2001 federal tax return. Benefits will be determined based on applicants' income and could range from \$125 to \$336 weekly.

Nine other counties were already declared eligible for unemployment assistance after the Governor requested a major disaster declaration in a letter to the president June 5. Those counties include Dubois, Gibson, Hamilton, Marion, Martin, Pike, Posey, Sullivan and Vigo. Persons in those counties have until August 12, 2002, to file a claim.

To file a claim call the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) toll-free number (1-800-621-3362) to receive a registration number, then apply for benefits at your local WorkOne office.

To find the WorkOne office nearest you call 1-888-WORKONE or log on to the Department of Workforce Development web site at www.workforce.IN.gov.